

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 and 22 are in the application. Claims 1 to 20 and 22 have been made the subject of a restriction and species requirement. In the previous response filed on May 20, 2002, the Applicants elected Group I, claims 1-16 and 18-20. According to the examiner, the Applicants did not sufficiently limit the elected claims to a single disclosed species. Therefore, the Examiner requests that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable and to list all claims readable thereon including those subsequently added.

SPECIES REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Applicants hereby elect, SEQ ID NO. 1, a specific recombinant substantially full-length mutant allergen, wherein said mutant allergen has a reduced enzymatic activity compared to the wild-type allergen. Applicants further elect a vaccine comprising, SEQ ID NO. 1, a specific recombinant substantially full-length mutant allergen, wherein said mutant allergen has a reduced enzymatic activity compared to the wild-type allergen and an adjuvant, wherein the adjuvant comprises 3-O-deacylated monophosphoryl lipid A.

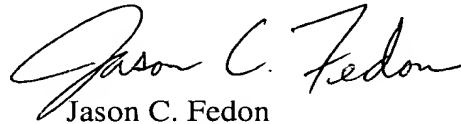
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Applicants believe that this response is a full and complete response to the Office Action. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number below. If any additional fees or charges are required by this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit account 19-2570 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason C. Fedon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Fedon" being clearly legible.

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